



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES



COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS ON CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

The DD Council is seeking people who would like to be trained as facilitators and recorders of community conversations

The CT Council on Developmental Disabilities (CTCCD) and the Manchester Community College/Institute for Community Engagement and Outreach (MCCIEO) will be hosting community conversations to discuss the integration of people with disabilities into the civic infrastructure of CT communities. These conversations will bring community members together to talk about activities and relationships that can foster belonging and engagement in communities for all citizens, including people with disabilities. In order to have different perspectives and insight, participants will include people with disabilities and their families, town government officials, business representatives, civic organizations, faith organizations and other community organizations to participate at these meetings.

Before these community conversations can begin, the Council must train people as facilitators. You have been identified as a person who would be perfect for this task! Would you be interested in being trained as a moderator? As a moderator, the skill required is to be able to listen carefully and look at "the big picture". You would be provided with the two hours of training so that you are comfortable and prepared to do this. Once you are trained, you must be willing to implement a community conversation in your own community, including identification of a venue and a core team in your community who can assist in inviting participants.

This is a two person team. We are also looking for someone to work with you as a recorder of the conversation. Would you be able to identify someone who is a good listener, pays attention to detail, and has clear and readable penmanship or is able to type fast? This person will also be trained. They will be responsible for recording the information provided at the focus groups.

Training for the Facilitators and Recordors will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 from 5:30 to 8 PM at Manchester Community College in Manchester. Dinner will be provided. Following this training, the first community conversation will be held in Manchester on October 2, 2013 from 6:30 to 8:30.

We hope you will be able to assist us in this exciting project! If you wish to discuss this further, please contact us.

Please RSVP by August 30, 2013 to:

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